

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(Case No. 99-371)

PATENT

In re Application of:	Thomason et al.	)	
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Serial No.:	09/391,861	)	Before the Examiner: D. Nguyen
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Filed:	September 7, 1999	)	Group Art Unit: 1632
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For:	Fibroblast Growth Factor-Like	)	
	Polypeptides	)	

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

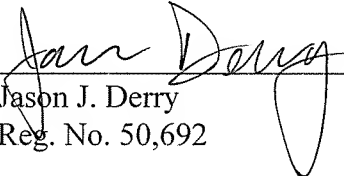
Sir:

**PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicants request a Three-Month Extension of Time to extend the period of reply to and including June 2, 2006. Please charge the requisite amount of \$1020.00 for an Extension fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 13-2490. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2490.

Respectfully submitted,  
**McDonnell Boehnen Hulbert & Berghoff**

Dated: June 2, 2006

By:   
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